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Re: U.S. Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/506,741; Filed: February 18, 2000  
For: **System, Method and Computer Program Product for Fast and  
Efficient Searching of Large Chemical Libraries**  
Inventors: Lobanov *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1503.0730000

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1. An Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 (56 pages) with 233 accompanying documents; and
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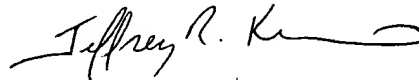
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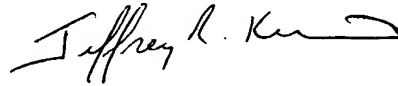
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